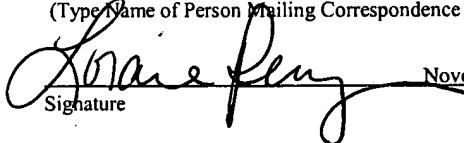


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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response that ended on October 30, 2004. A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the pending Office Action and the required fee are filed herewith.

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,408 to Arnold